Newsletter

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The story of Scout Finch stopping the mob has become known throughout the town. The question is, how did the father, Atticus Finch, know what was going to happen? How did he know that a mob was coming? Well one townsfolk spoke directly with Atticus but decided to remain anonymous. They said “Atticus told me that he had a gut feeling. Considering everything that was going on at school with his kids and considering the mob that also came to his house yesterday, there was no doubt that something along these lines was going to happen.”

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Of course people might find the story of how and why interesting, but to understand that better, people must understand the mood of the scene. An interview from an unwilling Scout Finch proved very helpful in the description of the mood of the scene. This description is somewhat unexpected and detailed for such a small girl. Scout described how the tension grew once she, her brother Jem, and Dill all arrived at the scene. For more detail, see inside.

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If it wasn’t for a few young kids, the riot may have gotten out of hand. Luckily Jean Louise Finch, and Jeremy Atticus Finch, along with their friend Dill were there to distract the drunken mob. It was amazing to see young Scout Finch

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It does seem apparent that Atticus knew what he was doing. It appears that he knew they were coming because of the previous attack. Also, the fact that Tom Robinson is a black man that was accused of rape is cause for anger in most of the people around the town. Also, because he is defending him, the townspeople feel that he is betraying them. This fact can make one come to the conclusion that the town’s people will do something about it. Because of this knowledge, Atticus was able to assume that there would be an attack. It seems obvious that he wanted to protect Tom from these people because he is defending him in court. It was lucky that he did know because who knows what the mob would have done to Tom if Atticus, Scout, Dill and Scout didn’t stop them. ▪

Written By Allison

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It is easy to see how the mood in this situation would be tense. With the possibility of the mob’s intention to kill, it would be hard to believe that there would be anything but tension. Scout also commented on the fact that tension was not the only part of the mood. “After I got in the middle of things there seemed to be a hint of awkwardness due to the fact that no one knew what to do”. This would have been another part of the mood. According to people who claim to know the story, there was only one person there that Scout knew, and that was Mr. Cunningham. This would have caused the other people in the mob to become awkward and cautious because they would not have been sure what to think about the children’s arrival. One can also assume that the mood had some confusion in it because no one would have been expecting what had happened. Well there are many different stories about what happened, but due to our exclusive interviews, our account is the best account.

Written By Matt

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This interview with Mr. Tom Robinson happened shortly after the event in the attempt to get more information on it.

Questions and Answers

Q: Where were you when the mob came?

A: I was inside the jailhouse asleep until I was woken up by all of the commotion going on out there

Q: Were you expecting the mob to come after you due to the rape crime you have been accused of?

A: I figured something along those lines would happen, which is why I am so grateful that Atticus is my attorney for this case. I know he will protect me both in and out of the court.

Q: What was going through your head when you knew that the mob was just outside the jailhouse?

A: The whole time I was thinking that this whole thing is a mistake. I was thinking that Atticus defending me was a mistake, I was thinking that putting me in this jailhouse was a mistake, and panic was just ensuing the entire time the situation was going on.

Q: How much of the conversation between Scout and Mr. Cunningham did you hear?

A: How much of it did I hear? Well none of it. The fact that I was downstairs in the basement made it so I was unable to hear what was going on. The only reason that I knew something was going on was because I heard all the cars poll in.

Q: Do you have any side comments on this situation with the mob?

A: No, sir. No I do not.